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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following remarks made in response to the final Office Action mailed January 10, 2003.